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## STEVENSON REPORT ON ITALY IS ISSUED

State Department Takes Out  
of Secret Category 1944  
Mission McCarthy Cited

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (AP)—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois reported to a United States Government agency in February, 1944, that the Soviet Union had "evidenced an interest" in American and British policy toward Italy and that this interest might increase if Soviet influence were extended in the Balkans as a result of the war.

"It follows," the report said, "that consultation and cooperation among the Allies must be continued with respect to Italy after the war, and that a mechanism must be maintained for the formulation and execution of a combined policy."

The Stevenson report was taken out of the secret category today by the State Department. The department had inherited it from the wartime Foreign Economic Administration for which Governor Stevenson, now the Democratic Presidential nominee, headed a survey mission to Italy.

The report shows that his task was to examine and report on war destruction of the Italian economy and to recommend ways of tackling the country's economic problems.

### A Campaign Item

The document, a detailed accounts of destruction and of Italy's need for rebuilding, has become an item in the current political campaign.

Governor Stevenson referred to his Italian mission some days ago and said he had returned to Washington to warn of a spread of Soviet influence in the Mediterranean. Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, referred to the mission in his attack on Governor Stevenson Monday night. The Governor had formulated "America's postwar policy in Italy." He asserted that Gen. Walter Bedell Smith had written that American policy was "to connive to bring Communists into the Italian Government and to bring the Italian Communist leader, Togliatti, back from Moscow."

The document from which the department removed the secrecy label in general urged that the United States Government get on with reconstruction at maximum speed in cooperation with the British Government, with which it shared the Allied Mediterranean Command.

In a section dealing with political considerations Governor Stevenson said that the Mediterranean theatre in early 1944 was becoming an increasing responsibility of the British. He said that after the war considerations of British foreign policy probably "will be dominant with respect to the future role of Italy."

At the same time he said the United States had long-range interests in developing Italy as a peaceful and democratic nation.

"Russia," Mr. Stevenson wrote, "has already evidenced an interest in the policy of the United States and Great Britain toward Italy. This may increase if, as a result of the progress of the war, Russian influence is extended in the Balkans and in the Eastern Mediterranean. It follows that consultation and cooperation among the allies must be continued \* \* \*"

### Bedell Smith's Book

In his speech, Senator McCarthy referred to a book that General Bedell Smith, now head of the Central Intelligence Agency, had written. General Bedell Smith had been Chief of Staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower when the Republican nominee was Allied Commander in Europe.

In a book called "My Three Years in Moscow"—General Bedell Smith later served as Ambassador to Russia—he said at one point:

"We of the West (in Italy in late 1943) were determined to establish a democratic Government with as broad a base as possible, and this made it easy for us to accept Communist participation in the Italian Government, and even to accept, and indeed to facilitate, the return of the Italian Communist leader, Togliatti, who had been in Moscow."

"Even had we been contrarily disposed, it would have been difficult to deny Communist participation in the Italian Government. Disciplined, militant Communist groups, particularly in the industrial areas of Northern Italy, had been the rallying point for Italian opposition to the Germans. The Communists were the hard core of the partisan movement, and their initial participation in the reconstructed Italian Government was on a cooperative, collaborative basis."

He did not mention Mr. Stevenson in connection with this Italian policy.